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Attorney Docket No. 826.1665 **Application Number** 09/760.881 REPLY/AMENDMENT Filing Date January 17, 2001 **FEE TRANSMITTAL** Makoto SUNADA First Named Inventor Group Art Unit 2172 Alford W. Kindred AMOUNT ENCLOSED **Examiner Name** 0.00 FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03) Highest Number Number CLAIMS AS Claims Remaining **AMENDED** Previously Paid For Extra After Amendment Calculations Rate TOTAL CLAIMS 20 = 0 X \$ 50.00 =0.00 20 INDEPENDENT X \$ 200.00 = 3 = 0 0.00 CLAIMS Since an Official Action set an original due date of December 17, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$500.00) If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$130.00) Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00) 0.00 Total of above Calculations = Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28) \$ 0.00 TOTAL FEES DUE = (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0". (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20". (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0". (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3". METHOD OF PAYMENT Check enclosed as payment. Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below. No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically 冈 required to obtain a filing date). **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION** If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit \boxtimes any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to: 19-3935 Deposit Account No. STAAS & HALSEY LLP Deposit Account Name The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under \boxtimes 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application. SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP Typed Name Richard A. Gollhofer 31,106 Reg. No. Date Signature



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2172

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This is in response to the final Office Action mailed September 17, 2004 which has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 17, 2004. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-10 were pending in the application and were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0034737 to Cane et al. (Reference A in the December 18, 2003 Office Action) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0138504 to Yano et al. (Reference A in the September 17, 2004 Office Action).

The information printed on the face of <u>Yano et al.</u> '504 indicates that it is the U.S. national phase of international application PCT/JP00/08986 filed December 19, 2000 which relied for priority on Japanese Patent Application 11/360273 filed December 20, 1999.